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Remarks/Arguments:

Claim 1 has been objected to because of an informality. The feature which was causing the objection has been removed from the claim.

Claims 1, 5, and 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Williams, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,802,363). It is respectfully submitted, however, that these claims are now patentable over the art of record for the reasons set forth below.

Applicant's invention, as recited by claim 1, includes a feature which is neither disclosed nor suggested by the art of record, namely:

. . . a continuous removable media . . .

. . . allocating drive letters in number equal to a number of plural drives to said continuous removable media.

Thus, a removable media is allocated multiple drive letters. By way of example only, this could be analogous to the operation of allocating multiple drive letters to a single floppy disk. By "continuous" Applicant is referring to a single continuous recording medium. Williams says nothing about the ability to allocate multiple drive letters to a single continuous removable medium. Accordingly, claim 1 is patentable over Williams.

Claims 5 and 6 include the features of claim 1 from which they depend. Thus, claims 5 and 6 are also patentable over Williams.

Claims 2, 4, and 7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Williams. These claims, also, include the features of claim 1 from which they depend. Thus, these claims are also patentable over Williams.

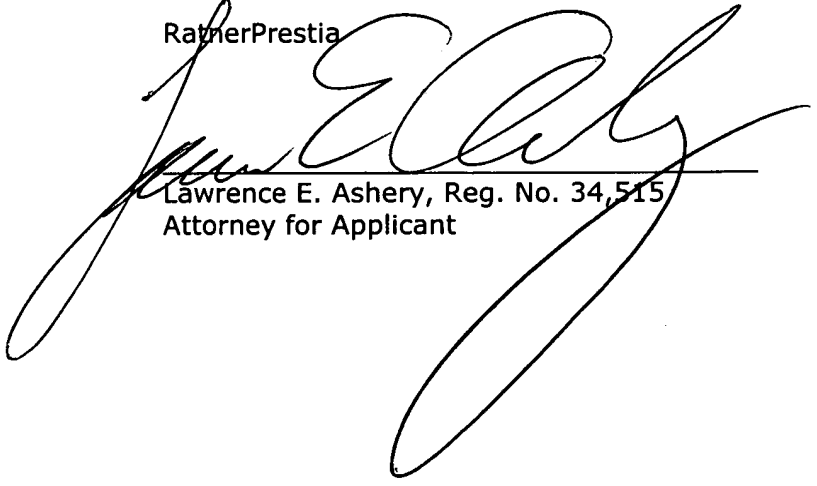
In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

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